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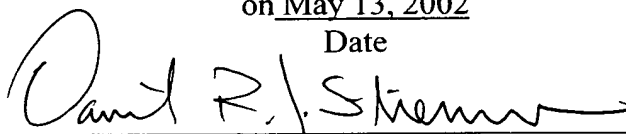
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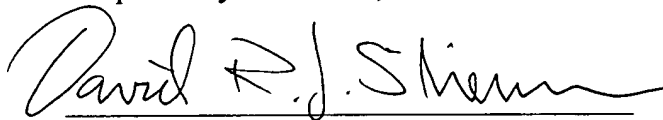
Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above application, please amend the application as follows.

Please cancel claims 19-26.

Claims 1-18 and 27 remain pending in the application. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by these amendments and that the application, as amended, is ready for examination. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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